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**A TWO-LEVEL MODEL WITH EFFECTS OF VERTICAL VARIETY ADUCTION,
SINGLES TO RAIN, AND VARIABLE STATIC STABILITY**

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$P = 400$ or 450 mb

$$\text{I } \omega_0 = \frac{10^3 g m^2}{4 d^2} \left[\frac{l}{f} J(\hat{\psi}, P_g) - \frac{1}{f} \frac{P_g - 600}{P} J(h, P_g) \right] \quad 2^{24} \omega_0 = 2^{20} \hat{\omega}_0 \quad \hat{\omega}_0 = 2^{-4} \omega_0$$

$$\text{II } \nabla^2 \hat{\chi} = - \frac{\hat{\omega}_0}{10^3 P} \frac{d^2}{m^2} 2^3 \cdot 2^{-30} \quad \chi = 2^{30} \hat{\chi}$$

$$\text{III } v_x = \frac{g l m}{2 f d} \frac{\partial \hat{\psi}}{\partial y} + \frac{2^{50} m}{2 d} \frac{\partial \hat{\chi}}{\partial x} \quad v_y = \frac{g l m^2}{2 f d} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} + \frac{2^{30} m}{2 d} \frac{\partial \hat{\chi}}{\partial y} \quad \psi = \frac{g l}{f} \hat{\psi}$$

$$\text{IV } \frac{\partial \sigma^2}{\partial t} = - C \left[\frac{g l m^2}{4 f d^2} J(\hat{\psi}, \sigma^2) + \frac{2^{30} m^2}{d^2} A(\hat{\chi}, \sigma^2) - C_2 \frac{6 \hat{\omega}_0 \sigma^2 \cdot 2^4}{10^3 \cdot 2 P} \right] \quad \chi = 2^{30} \hat{\chi}$$

$$\text{V } \eta = \frac{g l m^2}{4 f d^2} \nabla^2 \hat{\psi} + f \quad \omega_0 = 2^4 \hat{\omega}_0$$

$$\text{VI } \frac{m^2}{d^2} \nabla^2 \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \right) - \frac{2 f \eta}{\sigma^2} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \frac{2 f \eta}{\sigma^2} \left[\frac{g l m^2}{4 f d^2} J(\hat{\psi}, h) + \frac{2^{30} m^2}{4 d^2} A(\hat{\chi}, h) \right]$$

$$- \left[\frac{g l m^2}{4 f d^2} J(\hat{\psi}, \frac{m^2}{d^2} \nabla^2 h) + \frac{2^{30} m^2}{4 d^2} A(\hat{\chi}, \frac{m^2}{d^2} \nabla^2 h) \right] - \frac{m^2}{4 d^2} J(h, \eta) - \frac{2^4 f m \hat{\omega}_0}{10^3 g P}$$

$$\text{VII } \omega = \frac{10^3 g P}{\sigma^2} \left[\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{g l m^2}{4^3 d} J(\hat{\psi}, h) + \frac{2^{30} m^2}{4 d^2} A(\hat{\chi}, h) \right]$$

$$\text{VIII } \frac{g l m^2}{f d^2} \nabla^2 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = - B \left[\frac{g l m^2}{4 f d^2} J(\hat{\psi}, \eta) + \frac{2^{30} m^2}{4 d^2} A(\hat{\chi}, \eta) \right] + \frac{g \omega m^2}{f P d^2 10^3} \nabla^2 h + \frac{2^4 \eta \hat{\omega}_0}{10^3 2 P}$$

1. Derive Z_{600} from Z_{400} and Z_{850} by means of expression $Z_{600} = 0.53792 Z_{850} + 0.46208 Z_{400} + C$

Provide for C having a field. When Z is in feet, $C = 270$ ft.
[80% of standard atmosphere static stability has been used]
Print out for inspections

2. Compute the two components U_0 and V_0 of

$$V_0 = 1K \times \nabla \psi - \frac{P_g - 600}{P} \frac{g}{f} 1K \times \nabla h$$

V_0 ?

where ψ is the 600 mb stream function, P_g the pressure at the ground,
 $h = Z_{400} - Z_{850}$ and $P = 450$ mb

Print out for inspection the two components U_0 & V_0
in appropriate units

3. $P = 450$ in eqn I

4. $P = 400$ mb in the remaining eqn

5. $U_0 = -g \rho W_0 = 1.3 W_0$ where W_0 is in cm/sec
 $1 \text{ mb} = 10^3 \text{ cgs}$

6. In eqn 6 replace $V \cdot \nabla(\nabla^2 h)$ by $\frac{2f}{g} V \cdot \nabla(\frac{g}{2f} \nabla^2 h)$
7. In eqn 4 $C \frac{\omega_0 \sigma^2}{2P}$ may be replaced by $C \frac{\omega \sigma^2}{2P}$
8. The contribution of the various terms (prognosis) in the prognostic equations will for each time step be dumped on tape for later use (separate prognosis)
9. Make provisions for running the prognostic equations without 1) the ω term 2) the $\nabla^2 h$ terms
10. program eqn IV in the form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\sigma^2) + C_1 V \cdot \nabla(\sigma^2) + C_2 \frac{\omega_0 \sigma^2}{2P} = 0$$

where C_1 & C_2 are two constants, yet not determined

$$STD \quad 850 = 4,780 \text{ ft}$$

$$STD \quad 400 = 23,564 \text{ ft}$$

Figure Note No. 6

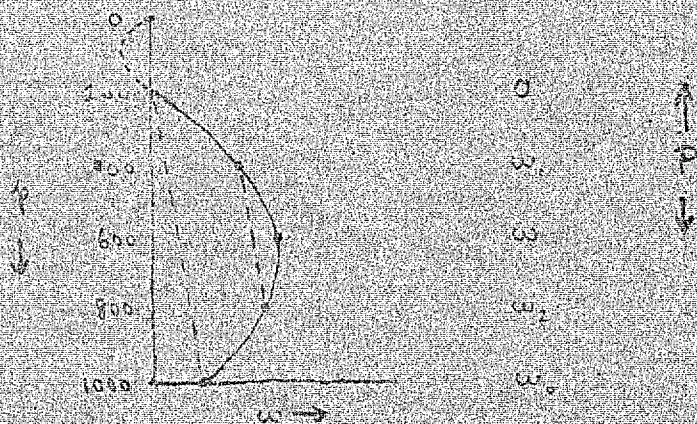
A Three-level Model with Effects of Vertical
Velocity Correlation, Latent Heat, and
Variable State Stability.

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In this model, the ω -profile is assumed to have a smooth shape, as shown below. We suppose that ω vanishes



at 200 mb (see T.M. #11), and that ω vanishes at 1000 mb over flat terrain. In general, ω_0 is not zero, so that the ω -profile is not symmetrical around 600 mb. As sketched in the figure above, we assume that asymmetrical profiles are such that

$$\frac{\omega_2 - \omega_1}{p} = \frac{\omega_0}{2p}$$

Applying the continuity equation at the 400 and 800 mb surfaces, and replacing $\partial \eta / \partial p$ and $\partial \omega / \partial p$ by finite differences,

$$\frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial t} + V_1 \cdot \nabla \eta_1 + \omega_1 \left(\frac{\eta_2 - \eta_1}{p} \right) - \frac{\eta_1 \omega_1}{p} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta_2}{\partial t} + V_2 \cdot \nabla \eta_2 + \omega_2 \left(\frac{\eta_2 - \eta_1}{p} \right) - \frac{\omega_2 (\omega_2 - \omega_1)}{p} = 0$$

where the subscripts 1 and 2 refer to conditions at the two end
 two sub-surfaces, respectively. Subtracting the second of these
 equations from the first, and rearranging

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\eta_1 - \eta_2}{2} \right) + W_1^* \nabla \eta_1^* + W_2^* \nabla \eta_2^* + \left(\frac{\eta_2 - \eta_1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{\omega_1 - \omega_2}{P} \right) \\
= \frac{\omega}{2P} (\eta_1 + \eta_2) + \frac{\eta_2 \omega_2}{2P} = 0$$

in which

$$\eta' = \frac{\eta_1 - \eta_2}{2}$$

$$\eta^* = \frac{\eta_1 + \eta_2}{2}$$

Thus, since $\omega_2 - \omega_1 = \omega_2/2$,

$$\frac{\partial \eta'}{\partial t} + W_1^* \nabla \eta_1^* + W_2^* \nabla \eta_2^* = \frac{\eta^* \omega}{P} + \frac{\eta^* \omega_2}{2P} = 0 \quad (1)$$

We must introduce the geostrophic approximation in evaluating
 η' and W' in the equation above. By definition

$$\eta' = \frac{\eta_1 - \eta_2}{2} = \frac{g}{2f} (\nabla_{\beta_1}^2 - \nabla_{\beta_2}^2) = \frac{g}{2f} \nabla_{\beta}^2$$

$$W' = \frac{W_1 - W_2}{2} = \frac{g}{2f} K \times (\nabla_{\beta_1} - \nabla_{\beta_2}) = \frac{g}{2f} K \times \nabla \eta$$

where h is the thickness between the 400 and 800 mμ surfaces. Thus, substituting in Eq. (1),

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \nabla^2 h + v \cdot \nabla (\nabla^2 h) + J(h, \eta^*) = \frac{2f\eta^* \omega}{g\rho} + \frac{f\eta^* \omega_0}{g\rho} = 0 \quad (2)$$

Now, the adiabatic equation may be written as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \right) + v \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{\rho\theta} \frac{\partial\theta}{\partial p} \right) \omega = 0$$

where all quantities apply at 600 mμ. But, from the hydrostatic equation

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{g(\beta_1 - \beta_2)}{\rho} = \frac{g h}{\rho}$$

Thus, substituting in the equation above,

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + v \cdot \nabla h + \frac{\rho}{\rho\theta} \frac{\partial\theta}{\partial p} \cdot \frac{\omega}{g} = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\omega}{g\rho} = \frac{1}{\rho\theta} \left[\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + v \cdot \nabla h \right] \quad (3)$$

$$\text{where } \sigma^2 = \frac{\rho^2}{\rho\theta} \frac{\partial\theta}{\partial p} = \frac{\rho}{\rho^2} \cdot \frac{1}{g\theta} \frac{\partial\theta}{\partial p}$$

Finally, introducing this result into Eq. (2), and identifying W^* with W (the 600 mb wind), and η^* with η ,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla^2 h - \frac{2f\eta}{\sigma^2} - \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \frac{2f\eta}{\sigma^2} \quad \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla h - W \cdot \nabla (\sigma h) \\ - J(h, \eta) = \frac{f\eta \omega_0}{gP} \quad (4)$$

This is one of the two basic prognostic equations.

Applying the continuity equation at 600 mb,

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \eta + \omega \left(\frac{\eta_2 - \eta_1}{P} \right) - \frac{\eta \omega_0}{2P} = 0$$

Thus, computing $\eta_2 - \eta_1$ from the geostrophic wind,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla^2 \psi + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla (\nabla^2 \psi + f) = \frac{g\omega}{fP} \nabla^2 h - \frac{\eta \omega_0}{2P} = 0 \quad (5)$$

This is the other basic prognostic equation.

it is now supposed that h and ϕ are given initially, and enumerated the quantities that are needed to represent h and ϕ at the next time stage. They are:

$$\eta$$

$$r^2$$

$$V$$

$$\omega_0$$

$$\omega$$

η is, of course, $(\partial\phi + 5)$. The quantity ω_0 is ω at 1000 mb. Approximately

$$\omega_0 = V_0 \cdot \nabla p_0$$

where V_0 is the wind at the ground surface, and p_0 is the pressure at the ground surface. By linear extrapolation

$$V_0 = K \times \nabla \phi + (p_0 - 600) \frac{\partial V}{\partial p}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial p} = \frac{V - V'}{p - p'} = - \frac{2V'}{p} = - \frac{2}{f p} K \times \nabla h \quad \text{where}$$

$$V_0 = K \times \nabla \phi + \left(\frac{p_0 - 600}{p} \right) \frac{2}{f} K \times \nabla h$$

$$\omega_0 = J(\psi, p_0) - \left(\frac{p_0 - 500}{\rho} \right) \frac{g}{2} J(\eta, p_0) \quad (6)$$

In order that there be no systematic effect due to the inclusion of only the stretching effect of convergence in down-slope flow, we put

$$W = K \times \nabla \psi + \nabla \chi$$

$$\nabla \cdot W = \nabla^2 \chi = - \frac{\omega_0}{2\rho} \quad (7)$$

The last quantity required to complete the system is σ^2 , which is proportional to $\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial p}$. We have, in θ coordinates;

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} \right) + W \cdot \nabla_{\theta} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (W \cdot \nabla_{\theta} p) - \frac{\partial W}{\partial \theta} \cdot \nabla_{\theta} p \end{aligned}$$

But in quasi-geostrophic flow $\frac{\partial W}{\partial \theta}$ is very nearly perpendicular to $\nabla_{\theta} p$, so that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} \right) \approx \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{d\chi}{dt} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial p} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} \right) = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial p}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \ln \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial p}$$

$$- \frac{d}{dt} \ln \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial p}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial p} \right) + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial p} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial p} = 0$$

Thus, in p -coordinates,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial p} \right) + \psi \cdot \nabla \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial p} + \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left(\omega \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial p} \right) = 0$$

We now average each term of this equation with respect to p , integrating from 200 to 1000 mb. Approximately then

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \psi \cdot \nabla S + \frac{\omega_0 S_0}{2p} = 0$$

where S is a value of $\partial \theta / \partial p$, representative of the entire troposphere, and S_0 is its value at 1000 mb. Thus, if we assume that $S_0 = .6 S$?

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \psi \cdot \nabla S + \frac{.3 \omega_0 S}{2p} = 0$$

Finally, since the remaining factors of σ^2 vary much more slowly (percentage-wise) than $\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial p}$,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\sigma^2) + V \cdot \nabla \sigma^2 + b \frac{\omega_0 \sigma^2}{2P} = 0 \quad (8)$$

Once σ^2 and $\frac{\partial h}{\partial t}$ have been computed, it is a straightforward matter to compute w .

Ordering of equations in order of solution

$$\omega = J(\psi, p_g) - \left(\frac{f_3 - 600}{P} \right) \frac{g}{f} J(h, p_g) \quad \text{I}$$

$$\nabla^2 \chi = - \frac{\omega_0}{2P} \quad \text{II}$$

$$\psi = \mathbf{K} \times \nabla \psi' + \nabla \chi \quad \text{III}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\sigma^2) + \mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla(\sigma^2) + \frac{6\omega_0 \sigma^2}{2P} = 0 \quad \text{IV}$$

$$\eta = \nabla^2 \psi + f \quad \text{V}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \right) - \frac{2f\eta}{\sigma^2} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} &= \frac{2f\eta}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla h - \mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla(\sigma^2 h) \\ &= J(h, \eta) - \frac{f\eta\omega_0}{gP} \end{aligned} \quad \text{VI}$$

$$\omega = \frac{gP}{\sigma^2} \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla h \right) \quad \text{VII}$$

$$\nabla^2 \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right) + \mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla \eta - \frac{g\omega}{fP} \sigma^2 h - \frac{\eta\omega_0}{2P} = 0 \quad \text{VIII}$$

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ψ - streamfunction at 600 mb

$$h = \bar{h}_{400} - \bar{h}_{200}$$

Computational scheme

Begin with Ψ, h, σ^2

- ① Compute w_0 from I
- ② Compute X by inverting II, using output of ① and ②
- ③ Compute V from III, using output of ②
- ④ Solve VI for $\frac{\partial h}{\partial t}$, using output of ① and ③
- ⑤ Compute w from VII, using output of ③ and ④
- ⑥ Solve VIII for $\frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$, using output of ①, ③, and ⑤
- ⑦ Compute σ^2 from IV, using output of ① and ③